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McMorris Rodgers Helps Develop New Agenda for American Families

(Washington, D.C.) Today, Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers and other women Members of Congress stood on the Capitol steps to unveil their new agenda "The American Families Agenda: Assuring the American Dream."

"This agenda is focused on providing Eastern Washington families with solutions to the challenges they face," McMorris Rodgers said. "Earlier this week, I held a telephone town hall with my constituents back in Eastern Washington. Time and again, they told me how much they are concerned about the rising costs of energy and health care. This agenda recognizes those concerns and offers some solutions."

McMorris Rodgers was one of four members of Congress who drafted the agenda. It is found in five main areas.

- 1. Assuring more time and money for America's families

 This includes the Family-Friendly Workplace Act, which Congresswoman McMorris
 Rodgers introduced on Tuesday, May 13th. It gives employers the option of offering
 employees the choice of paid time off in lieu of cash wages for overtime hours
 worked if the employee prefers to take compensatory time instead of overtime pay.
- 2. Assuring health care and retirement security for America's families
- **3. Protecting America's kids by cracking down on gangs and child predators**This includes the Internet Sex Offender Prohibition Act of 2007. Congresswoman McMorris Rodgers introduced the legislation that requires mandatory prison time for registered sex offenders who use the internet to target children.
- 4. Assuring a quality education for all children
- 5. Supporting America's military families and keeping our country safe

(Click <u>here</u> for a full copy of the agenda and click <u>here</u> for pictures.)